

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following paragraph:

~~The present application is a divisional of United States Appl. No. 08/994,962, filed December 19, 1997 (now allowed), which is hereby incorporated by reference, said 08/994,962 claims priority benefit to provisional United States Appl. No. 60/033,869, filed December 20, 1996, which is hereby incorporated by reference and provisional United States Appl. No. 60/037,388, filed February 7, 1997, which is hereby incorporated by reference.~~

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 24, with the following paragraph:

In another aspect, the invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent hybridization conditions to a portion of the polynucleotide in a nucleic acid molecule of the invention as described above, for instance, the cDNA clone deposited with the ATCC on December 16, 1996 (ATCC Deposit No. 97825). By "stringent hybridization conditions" is intended overnight incubation at 42°C in a solution comprising: 50% formamide, 5x SSC (750 mM NaCl, 75 mM trisodium citrate), 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5x Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 µg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA, followed by washing the filters in 0.1x SSC at about 65°C.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-16

Please add the following new claims.